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RESISTANCE POTENTIAL IN USSR

1. Immediately after the end of World War II, [] 50X1
heard of the "Benderites," a group of partisans operating
in the Ukrainian SSR.

50X1 2. [] had no definite information
on the "Benderites."

50X1 3. [] the following indication of passive
resistance:

a. While on duty in Germany [] several 50X1
Russian language anti-Communist leaflets. The leaflets consisted
of one sheet mimeographed on both sides, and were addressed to
Soviet officers and EM. [] the contents as follows.

Question: Why do the defeated Germans live better 50X1
than the victorious Russians?

Answer: Because Stalin's Gang stole all from
you and reduced you to beggary. The
resources of Russia are not for you,
but go to Stalin and his sycophants
and informers.

Question: Why don't they let you out of the
barracks? Why is fraternization pro-
hibited? Why can't you write home freely?
Why is USSR under a curtain of security?
Why do Russians live like in a jail?

Answers: Because Stalin is afraid that you'll tell
the Germans how poor living conditions
are in a socialized world, and that you
will write home how well people outside
of the USSR live.

Question: Why are you hopelessly entangled in the
nets of MGB-MVD?

Answer: Because Bolshevism has you in its terror
grip. The bloodiest regime on earth is
built on lies, rape, terror, and deceit.
Officially, you celebrate happily the
35th Anniversary of Soviet Socialism;
but in reality, your old mother stands
in line for bread for hours, your father
works himself to death from dawn to dusk
in the Kolkhoz, and your brother, disabled
in the war, begs for alms.

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Millions are in forced labor camps on construction projects. The government prepares for a new aggressive war, but tries to hoodwink the other nations by its peace-loving attitude.

Even though it was forbidden to pick up and read these leaflets, they were all picked up by the EM and circulated among friends in the evening. EM discussed the contents of the leaflets, and were convinced that they contained the truth.

b. [REDACTED]

c. [REDACTED] there were no strikes, demonstrations, or any official complaints, whatsoever, in the USSR.

d. The older generation continued to go to Church, but none of the younger generation ever attended.

e. [REDACTED] any deliberate sabotage or destruction took place, [REDACTED] theft and general dishonesty were quite common.

4. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the only governmental legislation that the people opposed was collectivization. All the peasants wanted to own their own land, and did not like to work on land that did not belong to them.

5. The attitude of the Russian people toward the present government differed. Many people were well-to-do and happy under the present government. The majority, however, were opposed to the regime due to high taxes and a low standard of living.

6. [REDACTED] each year more people applied for admission to the Party, thus proving that the Communists were gaining ground in the USSR.

7. [REDACTED] 60% of the people would openly resist the regime. This included peasants, workers, and some responsible people. All would need assurance of aid from the outside, especially in organization.

8. All factions of the USSR hated the Jews and were very open about it. The main reason why the common people hated the Jews was because they were able to make their lives comfortable, did no physical work, and, in general, irritated other people by their ability to become better off than the others. The Jews were mainly merchants, engineers, and doctors. [REDACTED] no instances where anti-semitism had been expressed in violence.

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9. Within the USSR, desertions were unheard of. Along the borders and in areas of occupation [] heard of deserters, but these were also rare. The only reason [] for desertion was [] dissatisfaction with the Soviet regime.

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10. The civilians were possibly dissatisfied with the so-called martial order within the USSR, with the Kolkhozy, and with the fact that they could not do as they pleased or openly express their thoughts.

11. The present regime was quite effective in indoctrination of the youth of the country. They virtually destroyed religion for the younger generation, because practically none of the younger people believed in God. This was accomplished by teaching in the schools that there was no God, and was further carried into the Army where one who believed in God became a subject of ridicule.

The Party had succeeded in almost completely indoctrinating the younger generation to the teachings of Communism. However, when the younger people began active duty in the Army, they began to reason for themselves, to form their own opinion, and realized that they had been deceived. Almost all of the soldiers reversed some of their previous leanings.

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13. [] the following information on the security forces:

a. [] there was one member of the MGB. Within the "Rayon" there were seven MGB members: a chief, an assistant, and five agents. There were numerous arrests since 1945.

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Arrests were normally made during the night.

Immediately following World War II many citizens who served as policemen for the German Forces, who sympathized with the Germans, or who had any relations with them, were arrested and disappeared.

The people hated the MGB agents, but were powerless to do anything about it.

b. The morale of the MGB agents was excellent.

c. These agents were avowed Communists and carried out their work efficiently.

14. [] approximately 60% of the population would revolt if given aid and leadership.

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15. Although Churches were open and the older people attended, there was no apparent resistance from religious groups toward the regime.

16. If the MGB and local Communist Party leaders (there were no MVD agents) of his "Rayon" were disposed of, [] a larger proportion of the population would actively support Allied Forces. About 80% of these would come from the ranks of former service personnel, and almost each and every peasant would support the Allied Forces. The 15-18-year-old age group would be unreliable and confused.

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The attitude of the people to liquidate security forces in the event of aid by Allied personnel, and with Allied Forces approaching, would be positive.

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